

**Legislative Bulletin.....April 14, 2010**

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**H.R. 3506 - Eliminate Privacy Notice Confusion Act (Paulsen, R-MN)**

**Order of Business:** The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the legislation.

**Summary:** H.R. 3506 allows financial institutions to be exempt from providing an annual disclosure notice to customers. Financial institutions are only exempt if they do not regularly share their customer's personal information with third parties.

Specifically, H.R. 3506 amends the annual notice requirement of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 6803) for financial institutions that:

- "Provides nonpublic personal information only in accordance with the law;

- “Does not share information with affiliates under the Fair Credit Reporting Act; and
- “Has not changed its policies and practices with regard to disclosing nonpublic personal information from the policies and practices that were disclosed in the most recent disclosure sent to consumers in accordance with this subsection.”

**Committee Action:** H.R. 3506 was introduced on July 31, 2009 and referred to the House Financial Services Committee, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO score is unavailable.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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### **Senate Amendments to H.R. 4573—Debt Relief for Earthquake Recovery in Haiti Act of 2010 (*Rep. Waters, D-CA*)**

**Order of Business:** The Senate Amendments to H.R. 4573 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Amendment Summary:** The amendment offered by Senator Dodd makes technical changes to the legislation. The legislation provides assistance, in the form of grants, to Haiti, and the amendment puts a stop date of February 1, 2015 to that provision.

**Summary of H.R. 4573:** The legislation would generally instruct U.S. representatives of multilateral institutions to seek debt relief for Haiti.

Specifically, H.R. 4573 would require U.S. representatives at multinational institutions (the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, etc.) to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to:

- Cancel debts owed by Haiti to these institutions;
- Suspend Haiti’s debt service payments (until the debts are canceled completely); and

- Provide additional assistance, in the form of grants, to Haiti.

The legislation also requires the Secretary of the Treasury to urge other bilateral, multilateral, and private creditors to cancel immediately and completely all debts owed by Haiti to other creditors.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 4573 was introduced on February 2, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. The International Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee held a markup and approved an amended version of the legislation on March 4, 2010. This legislation passed the House on March 10, 2010 by voice vote and was then passed the Senate with amendments by unanimous consent on March 26, 2010.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** No CBO score is available. However, the legislation would not, in and of itself, authorize or appropriate money.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** No committee report is available, but the legislation does not appear to contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** No committee report citing constitutional authority is available.

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### **H.Res. 197 - To commend the American Sail Training Association (Kennedy, D-RI)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 197 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends the American Sail Training Association for its advancement of character building experiences for youth at sea in traditionally rigged sailing vessels and its advancement of the finest traditions of the sea;
- “Commends the American Sail Training Association as the national sail training association of the United States, representing the sail training community of the United States in the international forum; and

- “Encourages all citizens of the United States and of nations around the world to join in the celebration of Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 and in the character building and educational experience that it represents for the youth of all nations.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The American Sail Training Association (ASTA) is an educational nonprofit corporation whose declared mission is ‘to encourage character building through sail training, promote sail training to the North American public and support education under sail’;
- “ASTA has ably represented the United States as its national sail training organization as a founding member of Sail Training International, the recognized international body for the promotion of sail training, which itself carries forward a series of international races amongst square-rigged and other traditionally rigged vessels reaching back as far as the 1950s; and
- “ASTA and Sail Training International are collaborating with port partners around the Atlantic Ocean to produce Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009, an international fleet of sail training vessels originating in Europe, voyaging to North America, and returning to Europe.”

**Additional Information:** In the 110th Congress, Representative Patrick Kennedy introduced H. Res. 1469, to commend the [American Sail Training Association](#) for its advancement of character building under sail and for its advancement of international goodwill, on September 18, 2008. No further action was taken on the resolution.

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 197 was introduced on February 26, 2009, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, which held a full committee markup on January 27, 2010 and favorably reported the resolution. The resolution was also referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.R. 4275 - The “John C. Godbold United States Judicial Administration Building” Designation Act (*Lewis, D-GA*)**

**Order of Business:** The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.R. 4275 designates the annex building under construction for the United States courthouse located at 56 Forsyth Street in Atlanta, Georgia, known as the Elbert P. Tuttle United States Court of Appeals Building, as the “John C. Godbold Federal Building.”

**Additional Information:** Judge John C. Godbold, former Chief Judge of the Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, former Director of the Federal Judicial Center died on December 22, 2009.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 4275 was introduced on December 10, 2010, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, which took no public action. There was a full committee markup held on March 3, 2010 and the bill was favorably reported.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO report is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

**Constitutional Authority:** Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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**H.Res. 1062 - Recognizing the Coast Guard Group Astoria's more than 60 years of service to the Pacific Northwest (*Wu, D-OR*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 1062 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the Coast Guard Group Astoria's more than 60 years of service to the Pacific Northwest;
- “Honors the brave men and women of Coast Guard Group Astoria who risk their lives daily to ensure the safety and security of the people of the Pacific Northwest; and
- “Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Coast Guard Group Astoria for appropriate display.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Coast Guard Group Astoria was established in 1948;
- “Coast Guard Group Astoria's area of responsibility covers more than 140 miles of coastline between Queets, Washington, and Pacific City, Oregon;
- “During an average year, Coast Guard Group Astoria units respond to more than 800 search-and-rescue calls for help, assist more than 1,700 mariners, and save nearly 100 lives;
- “Since 2003, the men and women of Coast Guard Group Astoria have assisted more than 10,000 individuals in distress and saved more than 500 lives; and
- “Coast Guard Group Astoria continues to protect the Pacific Northwest and embody the Coast Guard motto, Semper Paratus.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 1062 was introduced on February 3, 2010, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which held a markup on March 3, 2010 and reported the resolution by voice vote.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures. The resolution does direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Coast Guard Group Astoria for appropriate display.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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## **H.Con.Res. 222 - Recognizing the leadership and historical contributions of Dr. Hector Garcia (*Ortiz, D-TX*)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Con.Res. 222 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Encourages
  - “Teachers of primary schools and secondary schools to launch educational campaigns to inform students about the lifetime of accomplishments by Dr. Hector Garcia; and
  - “All people of the United States to educate themselves about the legacy of Dr. Hector Garcia; and
- “Recognizes the leadership and historical contributions of Dr. Hector Garcia to the Hispanic community and his remarkable efforts to combat racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States of America.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Dr. Hector Garcia was born in Mexico on January 17, 1914, and immigrated to Mercedes, Texas, in 1918;
- “Dr. Hector Garcia fought in World War II, specifically in North Africa and Italy, attained the rank of Major, and was awarded the Bronze Star with six battle stars;
- “Dr. Hector Garcia continued his public service and advocacy and became founder of the American G.I. Forum, a Mexican-American veterans association, which initiated countless efforts on behalf of Americans to advance opportunities in health care, veterans benefits, and civil rights equality;
- “in 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Dr. Hector Garcia as alternate ambassador to the United Nations where he gave the first speech by an American before the United Nations in a language other than English; and
- “President Reagan presented Dr. Hector Garcia the Nation's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, in 1984 for meritorious service to his country, the first Mexican-American to receive this recognition.”

**Committee Action:** H.Con.Res. 222 was introduced on December 15, 2009, and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**S.J.Res. 25 - Granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact (*Sen. Cardin, D-MD*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** S.J.Res 25 grants the consent of Congress to amendments of the state of Maryland, commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to article III of title I of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact. The resolution states that the Commission will be made up of 3 members. One member will be appointed by the Governor of Virginia from the Department of Motor Vehicles, one member will be appointed by the Governor of Maryland from the Maryland Public Service Commission, and one member appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia from a District of Columbia agency with oversight of matters relating to the Commission.

This resolution shall not affect any member in office on the amendment's effective date.

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia entered into the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact in 1960 with the consent of Congress in Public Law No. 86-794, 74 Stat. 1031;
- “The State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia amended titles I and II of the Compact in 1962 and 1990 with the consent of Congress in Public Law No. 87-767, 76 Stat. 764, and Public Law No. 101-505, 104 Stat. 1300, respectively;

- “Legislation enacted by the State of Maryland (2008 Md. Laws c. 32 and 2009 Md. Laws c. 76) the Commonwealth of Virginia (2007 Va. Acts c. 378 and 2009 Va. Acts c. 540) and the District of Columbia (D.C. Act 17-622) contain amendments to article III of title I of the Compact regarding appointment of members to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission; and
- “The consent of Congress is required in order to implement such amendments.”

**Committee Action:** S.J.Res. 25 was introduced on December 24, 2009 and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, which took no public action. It passed the Senate without amendment and with a preamble by unanimous consent on January 21, 2010, and was then referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO score is unavailable.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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## **H.R. 1258—Truth in Caller ID Act (*Engel, D-NY*)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** The bill would make it illegal for any person to cause a caller identification service (caller ID) to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, with the intent to defraud or cause harm. Within six month’s of the bill’s enactment, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is required to implement regulations to carry out the law.

**Additional Background:** “ID Spoofing” is when callers use a technology to alter the name or number that appears on the recipient's caller ID display. With advances in technology and the widespread availability of Voice over Internet Protocol, or Internet protocol-enabled (IP-enabled) voice services, it has become easier for callers to transmit any caller ID information the calling party chooses. In example of ID spoofing, a victim was pressured to give sensitive personal information to someone posing as a court

official. Additionally, in one incident in New Jersey, local police dispatched a SWAT team to a neighborhood after receiving what they believed was a legitimate distress call.

**Committee Action:** On March 3, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. On October 10, 2009, the committee held a markup and ordered the bill, as amended, to be reported by voice vote.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** According to CBO, developing and enforcing regulations required under the bill would cost about \$1 million annually, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Under current law, the FCC is authorized to collect fees from the telecommunications industry sufficient to offset the cost of its regulatory program. CBO estimates the net budgetary impact of H.R. 1258 would be negligible.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** Yes, the bill would impose an intergovernmental and private-sector mandate because a number of entities would be affected by the mandate depending on decisions made by the FCC in its rulemaking process. CBO expects that the total cost of the mandates in the bill would fall well below the annual thresholds for intergovernmental and private-sector mandates established in UMRA (\$70 million and \$141 million, respectively, in 2010, adjusted annually for inflation).

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** No committee report citing compliance with the House earmark rule is available.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable for H.R. 1258.

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## **H.R. 3125—Radio Spectrum Inventory Act (*Waxman, D-CA*)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** The bill would require the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to create an inventory of each radio spectrum band of frequencies used in the United States Table of Frequency Allocations, from 225 megahertz to 10 gigahertz within six months of the bill's enactment. The inventory shall include the radio services authorized to operate in each band of frequencies, identify each federal or non-federal user within authorized to operate

in each band of frequencies, the amount of spectrum, and the approximate number of transmitters, repeaters, end-user terminals or receivers, or other radio frequency devices authorized to operate, as appropriate to characterize the extent of use of each radio service in each band of frequencies, among other provisions.

Within in one year, the bill requires the NTIA and FCC to each submit a report to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, as well as the House Energy and Commerce Committee providing the results of the inventory, and a recommendation of how the federal government should reallocate potential spectrum.

**Additional Background:** The NTIA is responsible for domestic and international telecommunications and information policy with managing the federal government's use of radio spectrum. The FCC is the government agency charged with regulating interstate and international communications. It is responsible for both auctioning and licensing spectrum that is identified for commercial and non-commercial uses that do not involve the federal government. H.R. 3125 shares the responsibility of creating a spectrum map between the two agencies with the goal of developing a comprehensive picture of spectrum used in this country. Click [here](#) to view a report published by the Congressional Research Service on spectrum issues.

**Committee Action:** On July 10, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. On March 10, 2010, the committee held a mark-up and ordered the bill, as amended, to be reported by voice vote.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** According to CBO, H.R. 3125 would cost \$31 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. CBO estimates that costs to the FCC would total \$15 million over the 2010-2015 period and costs to NTIA would be about \$16 million over the same period. Under current law, the FCC is authorized to collect fees to offset the costs of its regulatory program; subject to appropriations. CBO estimates that the FCC would collect \$15 million in fees to offset the bill's costs. Therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3125 would increase net discretionary spending by \$16 million over the 2011-2015 period.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** No committee report citing compliance with the House earmark rule is available.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable for H.R. 3125.

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**H.Con.Res. 243 - Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha (*Hirono, D-HI*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Con.Res. 243 authorizes Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitors Center to be used for an event on June 6, 2010, to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.

**Additional Information:** King Kamehameha united the Hawaiian Islands into one kingdom in 1810. Currently, a statue of King Kamehameha is displayed in the Capitol Visitors Center. More information can be available through the [Architect of the Capitol](#).

**Committee Action:** H.Con.Res. 243 was introduced on February 25, 2010, and referred to the House Administration Committee, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.R.4994 - Taxpayer Assistance Act (*Lewis, D-GA*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.R. 4994 has yet to be introduced and therefore this Legislative Bulletin was prepared from a draft of the text provided by the Committee.

H.R. 4994 removes cell phones and other telecommunications equipment from listed property. Currently, employer-provided cell phones and blackberries are treated as “listed property” and the value of their non-business use must be included in the employee’s income.

This legislation also grants discretion to the IRS to lift the mandate to file electronically for tax return preparers who have religious concerns. In November 2009, Congress enacted legislation that reduced, to 10 from 250, the threshold beyond which paid preparers must file electronically. Subsequently, Member offices with Amish populations learned that this presented a religious conflict for Amish tax preparers.

The legislation also requires the IRS to pay interest on tax refunds if the refund is not provided within 30 days of the e-filing. Current law requires the IRS pay interest after 45 days, and this legislation shortens this to 30.

H.R. 4994 also requires the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct a study on the effectiveness on the offers-in-compromise program. The effectiveness would be measured by revenue collections. This legislation would require the IRS to compare collections from taxpayers in the program with taxpayers who the IRS denied access to the program.

The legislation also would allow IRS employees to refer taxpayers to low-income taxpayer clinics (LITCs) to assist them with controversies with the IRS. Currently, IRS employees are not allowed to do so.

This legislation would also authorize \$20 million to fund Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs. Currently, no specific authorization exists but the IRS uses agency funds of about \$12 million annually (\$4 million of which goes to AARP for elderly taxpayers) to help non-profit VITA centers provide free tax preparation assistance to low-income taxpayers. Also, the legislation would increase to \$20 million an existing authorization for appropriations to LITCs.

This legislation also requires the Secretary to notify taxpayers on credits or refunds that they were eligible to claim in previous years but did not do so. It also requires the Secretary to notify the taxpayer if the Secretary suspects the taxpayer has become a victim of identity theft. Currently, the IRS do not generally notify a taxpayer of this activity.

The legislation also requires the National Taxpayer Advocate (a government entity through the IRS) to conduct a study on the feasibility of delivering tax refunds on debit cards, prepaid cards, and other electronic means.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 4994 was introduced on April 13, 2010 and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the House Budget Committee, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO score is unavailable.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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## **H.Res. 1237 - Honoring the life of Wilma Pearl Mankiller (Boren, D-OK)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. \_\_ resolves that the House of Representatives expresses

- “Gratitude to Wilma Mankiller for her significant contributions to the Nation, an inspiration to women in Indian Country and across America, and for leaving a profound legacy that will continue to encourage and motivate all who carry on her work; and
- “Deep sorrow at the passing of Chief Mankiller and condolences to her friends and family, especially her husband Charlie and two daughters, Gina and Felicia, as well as the Cherokee Nation and all those who knew her and were touched by her good works.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “At age 10, her family moved to San Francisco as part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Relocation Program where she lived for two decades before returning to Oklahoma in 1977;
- “On December 5, 1985, Wilma was sworn in to replace Chief Swimmer as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, making her the first female to hold the office;
- “Over the course of her three terms, Wilma made great strides to reinstate the traditional Cherokee culture and values, especially the role of women,

- reinvigorating the Cherokee Nation through community development projects where men and women work collectively for the common good;
- “Upon leaving office Wilma continued her endeavors, serving on several philanthropic boards, including 12 years on the board of trustees of the Ford Foundation, 4 years on the Board of the Ms. Foundation for Women, and 4 years on the board of the Seventh Generation Fund and the board of the Freedom Forum and its subsidiary, the Newseum;
  - “Chief Mankiller passed away in the morning hours of April 6, 2010, at her home in rural Adair County, Oklahoma.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. \_\_ will be introduced on April 13, 2010 and referred to the Natural Resources Committee)

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1236 - Honoring the coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch Mine-South in Raleigh County, West Virginia, extending condolences to their families and recognizing the valiant efforts of emergency response workers at the mine disaster (*Rahall, D-WV*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 1236 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the ultimate sacrifice made by the 29 coal miners lost at the Upper Big Branch-South Mine, Whitesville, West Virginia;
- “Extends the deepest condolences of the Nation to the families of these men;
- “Recognizes all coal miners for enduring the loss of their coworkers and maintaining courage throughout this ordeal;

- “Commends the rescue crews for their valiant efforts to find these miners; and
- “Honors the many volunteers who provided support and comfort for the miners’ families during the rescue and recovery operations.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Nation is greatly indebted to coal miners for the difficult and dangerous work they perform to provide the fuel needed to keep the Nation strong and secure;
- “29 West Virginia miners tragically perished in the Upper Big Branch-South Mine following an explosion on April 5, 2010;
- “This was the worst coal mining disaster in the Nation over the last 40 years;
- “Federal, State, and local rescue crews worked tirelessly night and day in courageous rescue and recovery efforts; and
- “Residents of Raleigh County and throughout West Virginia came together to support the miners’ families.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 1236 was introduced on April 13, 2010 and referred to the House Natural Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. \_\_ - Congratulating the Duke University men’s basketball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball National Championship (*Price, D-NC*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. \_\_ resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates the national champion Duke Blue Devils for their win in the 2010 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament;
- “Recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and support staff who were instrumental in the Blue Devils’ victory; and invites the Duke University men's basketball team to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;
- “Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead, Athletic Director Kevin White, and Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski for appropriate display.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “On April 5, 2010, the Duke University Blue Devils defeated the Butler Bulldogs 61-59 in the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana;
- “The Blue Devil team roster included seniors Jordan Davidson, Jon Scheyer, Lance Thomas, and Brian Zoubek; juniors Steve Johnson, Casey Peters, Kyle Singler, and Nolan Smith; sophomores Seth Curry and Miles Plumlee; and freshmen Andre Dawkins, Ryan Kelly, Mason Plumlee, and Todd Zafirovski;
- “The Duke Blue Devils completed their season with a record of 35-5, tied with the Kentucky Wildcats for most wins during the 2009-2010 season, and scored a total of 3079 points;
- “The Blue Devils team boasts 31 ACC All-Academic basketball teams over the last 14 years, and has had at least one player on the ACC All-Academic basketball team for a record 16 straight years; and have received five Academic All-America selections over the past 12 years, and has had at least one person on the ACC All-Academic Basketball team in 23 of the last 26 years for a total of 46 selections; and
- “The Blue Devils’ 2010 championship further solidifies the tradition of basketball excellence that exists in the State of North Carolina, whose universities have won four of the last ten NCAA championships.”

**Additional Information:**



**Committee Action:** H.Res. \_\_ will be referred to the House Education and Labor Committee.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures. The resolution directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Duke University President Richard H. Brodhead, Athletic Director Kevin White, and Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski for appropriate display.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

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**H.Res. \_\_ - Expressing sympathy for the people of Poland in the aftermath of the tragic plane crash that killed the country's President, First Lady and 94 others on April 10, 2010 (*Dahlkemper, D-PA*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. \_\_ resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Mourns the death of President Kaczynski and the terrible loss of life that resulted from the plane crash of April 10, 2010;
- “Expresses its deepest sympathies to the people of Poland and the families of those who perished for their profound loss;
- “Expresses strong and continued solidarity with the people of Poland and all persons of Polish descent; and
- “Expresses unwavering support for the Polish government as it works to overcome the loss of many key public officials.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Polish President Lech Kaczynski and 95 other people, including Poland's First Lady, deputy foreign minister, dozens of members of Parliament, the chiefs

- of the army and navy, and the president of the national bank, were killed in a plane crash in western Russia on April 10, 2010;
- “President Kaczynski and his colleagues were traveling to Katyn, Russia for a memorial service to mark the 70th anniversary of the Soviet secret police killing of more than 20,000 Polish officers, prisoners, and intellectuals who were captured after the Soviet Union invaded Poland in 1939;
  - “Russia and Poland had begun to heal the deep wounds from the Katyn tragedy, with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin recently joining Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk at a ceremony marking the event at Katyn;
  - “The United States and Poland share a strong bond of friendship and international cooperation.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. \_\_ has yet to be introduced.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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